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**ENERGY POLICY ISSUES**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**Amendment to Energy Expansion Act**

Senator Rabon's amendment, in short, would change the short title of this bill to The Clean Energy and Economic Security Act. The amendment also makes the change to long title of the bill. This concerns the provision in the bill that directs DOT to purchase new trucks that operate on both compressed natural gas (CNG) and gasoline. As you may recall, that provision, under the bill, currently specifies new three-quarter ton pickup trucks. Senator Rabon's amendment would also add new one-half ton trucks.

The next item on the amendment addresses the impact fee that local governments may assess for oil and gas wells in their jurisdiction. The bill currently says that they may assess an annual impact fee. This amendment would change it to a one-time impact fee. That impact fee is capped at \$30,000.

The last page is a substantive change to the DOT directive.

**Comments:**

Senator Rabon: I thank the staff for all their hard work. This has been an act of pleasure but it has not been a hard road for us and I would like to compliment DOT and their working with us and their willingness to go along with these provisions and also I am very proud to be a sponsor of a bill that is going to change the school buses and how we are going to convert those. I am happy to see North Carolina using our own abundant natural resources rather than relying on others.